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WHY A GENEALOGICAL COMMITTEE?

By GEORGE E. SOUTHGATE

The following article has been written in reply to the query often asked by our people: What is the Genealogical Committee's position in the Church plan of activity? What are its specific duties and how does it function?

The Lord has said, "My work and my glory is to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man."

He has revealed the gospel plan, by which man may become like unto his Maker and merit an inheritance in the "celestial kingdom." This "way to perfection" provides that man himself must work out his own salvation in fear and trembling; that he must in turn assist in the salvation of his fellow man; in very deed become a partner with God in "bringing to pass the immortality and eternal life of man."

To this dispensation has been given principles and ordinances pertaining to the celestial kingdom. These sacred covenants, ordinances and blessings are administered to the faithful by authority of the holy priesthood in temples built to the most high God.

These endowments qualify men to proceed with the work of redemption—for himself, his family and his neighbor. "We have work to do just as important in its sphere as the Savior's work was in its sphere. Our fathers cannot be made perfect without us; we cannot be made perfect without them. They have done their work and now sleep. We are now called upon to do ours; which is to be the greatest work man ever performed upon the earth."—President Brigham Young.

The Prophet Joseph said, "The greatest responsibility in this world that God has laid upon us, is to seek after our dead. . . . To neglect genealogy and temple work in behalf of deceased relatives, is to imperil our own salvation."

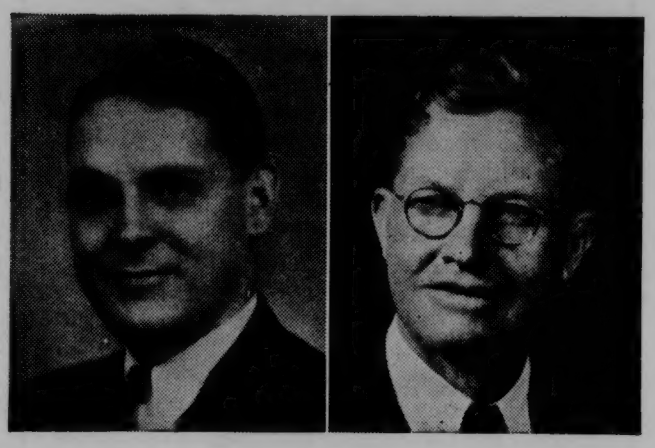
Our Stake and Ward Temple Committees are organized to aid the Church membership recognize their own responsibilities; to help create family histories; to encourage and promote temple work. They enter your homes with a specific task—that of rendering first aid in *your* great work of Redemption.

What does it profit a man even though he labor all his life for the development of the Church, if he neglects to receive those ordinances which qualify him for the Celestial Kingdom?

"CAVALCADE FOR YOUTH"
Oakland Chapel, December 18

At 2:00 p. m., Sunday, December 18, a mass meeting of all youth leaders of the Stake will be held in the Oakland chapel. This meeting is for ward bishoprics and Aaronic priesthood workers, ward superintendencies of Sunday School and M. I. A., ward teachers and leaders of boys from 12 to 20, and corresponding Stake officers and teachers. At the meeting plans will be laid for the coming year's work in intensifying and coordinating the Church work for young men.

ALAMEDA WARD BISHOPRIC REORGANIZED



At Left,
Bishop H. Crandall,
1st Counselor
Peter Borup,
released.

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Below:
The New Bishopric,
Thys Winkle,
Wendell M. Jensen
George H. Pickney

Biship Leo H. Crandall of Alameda ward and his two counselors were released at the annual ward conference November 20, and his second counselor, Wendell M. Jensen, was sustained to succeed him. Bishop Jensen chose as his counselors Elders Thys Winkle and George H. Pinckney. The ward conference was held under the direction of President Eugene Hilton.

Bishop Crandall has had a life-long record of Church service, and has been identified with Alameda ward as its leader since it was first created a branch in 1932. Born in 1898 at Pleasant View, Weber County, Utah, he is a son of William H. Crandall and Rose E. Berrett. He was educated in the schools of northern Utah, and from 1915 to 1920 he sang in the famed Ogden Tabernacle Choir under the baton of Joseph Ballantyne. Bishop Crandall has always been active in Aaronic priesthood work and the M. I. A. He came to Oakland in 1923 in the passenger traffic department of the Southern Pacific, where he still is. Shortly after he came here, and before San Francisco Stake was organized, he served as secretary for the district mission. He was called to organize the Alameda branch in 1932 and became its first president. When it was created a ward in 1935 he became its first bishop. In 1919 he was married to Blanche Bingham, and they have three children.

The new bishop is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Jensen, was born in Bingham City in 1903. He filled a mission in California, returning thereafter to Salt Lake City for two years. In 1927 he was married to Elnora Hatch. They have four children. In 1929 the Jensens moved to California, first coming to Oakland, then to the Monterey Bay area, then to Alameda in 1935. Bishop Jensen has been active in Church work all his life, and for the past three years has been a member of the Alameda ward bishopric.

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PRESIDING BISHOPRIC GETS ACQUAINTED
Welfare Plan Explained

Oakland and San Francisco Stakes were both honored and profited by an all-day visit from the presiding bishopric of the Church and the general director of the social welfare work, on November 6. Bishops LeGrande Richards, Marvin O. Ashton and Joseph H. Worthlin all made an extremely favorable impression. The purpose of the visit was to get acquainted, this being the first tour of the various stakes of the Church since the reorganization of that office. As Bishop Richards himself put it, "We propose to open the gates and let down the bars and have the people speak their minds and make known their wants. We want you to know that we are working for your welfare and so are looking for ideas, and we want you to be free to express them." Harold B. Lee, general director of the social welfare program, which comes under the supervision of the presiding bishop's office, was also present.

Meetings were held in the morning and afternoon at San Francisco ward, which were attended by officers of both Stakes and by the bishoprics and welfare workers and Relief Society workers of all wards. Oakland Stake had 82 people present, San Francisco, 87.

Following a welcome from President Winter and a brief response from Bishop Richards, the first meeting was turned over to Elder Lee who discussed in some detail the objectives of the welfare plan and the progress made thus far. The primary purpose of the plan, he said, is three-fold: To relieve actual want and distress, to provide machinery for finding productive employment, and to raise the standard of liv-

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COMING EVENTS

FRIDAY, December 9—Stake Boy Scout Rally, Oakland chapel.

SUNDAY, December 18, 2:00 p. m.—"Cavalcade for Youth," Oakland chapel, to be attended by all youth leaders, Stake and ward, including bishoprics, Sunday School, and M. I. A. superintendencies and teachers, and all Aaronic priesthood supervisors.

SATURDAY, Dec. 31—NEW YEAR'S EVE BALL, Berkeley Recreation Hall.

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"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple."—Mal. 3:1.

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EDITORIAL

Two months ago we asked the question: What is wrong with our sacrament meetings? In response thereto we have received some suggestions, but the response is not what we had hoped. This meeting is the most important one of the Church—and the most poorly attended. We are not unique in that respect in Oakland Stake, for poor attendance seems to be widespread. However, we'd like to be in the vanguard in bettering the situation. For that reason we asked the question. For that reason we repeat it: What do you think is wrong with our sacrament meetings? What can be done to improve attendance? How can our people be brought out?

We have some ideas ourselves, but we are not going to air them—at least not just now. We'd like first to have a more widespread response from the membership at large. Send your comment to THE MESSENGER, 793 Cragmont Avenue, Berkeley.

UTAH-IDAHO HARVEST BALL

The annual Thanksgiving eve Utah-Idaho harvest ball took place in the beautifully decorated Masonic Temple, and was, generally speaking, most successful. Featured were two of the new M. I. A. dances, performed by several couples trained by Mr. and Mrs. Harold P. Hansen.

A special feature was the fine performance of Miss Pearl Frick of the Jose Cansino School of Dancing, who executed two Spanish dances with a perfect understanding of that phase of the art. For the past season Miss Frick has been associated with the San Francisco Opera School of Ballet, dancing in a number of the operas.

SPEAKING ASSIGNMENTS FOR DECEMBER

Alameda: Delbert F. Wright, I. B. Ball.
Berkeley: W. Glenn Harmon.
Claremont: Don J. Allphin, Eugene Jacobs.
Dimond: Clyde J. Summerhays.
Elmhurst: Nathan G. Tolman, Ralph S. Barney.
Hayward: Eugene Hilton.
Martinez: O. Leslie Stone, William J. Nielsen.
Oakland: Don C. Wood, Hugh P. Anderson.
Pittsburg: Grant Ellis, William E. Potts.
Richmond: Claude M. Dewsnup, R. Kendall Thomas.
Vallejo: Victor C. Lindblad, Wayne E. Mayhew.

STAKE PRESIDENCY'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

The time has come for us to begin writing the end of another chapter in our book of life. It is good that our life is divided into years and months and weeks and days; there is always a new period directly ahead. We can leave the past whatever it may have been and, using it as a stepping stone, rise to greater heights.

Life is made up of the bitter and the sweet, the good and the bad, the "ups" and "downs," the failures and successes. Fortunate are we that there is always facing us a new life, a new start, a new opportunity, a new challenge. A challenge to improve our success; to profit by our failures; to search for the good and wipe out the bad; to face our "ups" and "downs" with equal courage and faithfulness.

As the current year draws to a close, it will be profitable for each of us to spend an hour or two in retrospection; to secretly express our gratitude for our accomplishments; our thanks for our abundant blessings; our joy that some things can soon be forgotten. Equally as profitable and enjoyable will be an hour or two of secret planning for the future; to renew our covenants with our Maker; to outline for ourselves certain projects for us to accomplish; to determine certain improvements for us to make.

May we, as your Stake Presidency, urge that in these hours of retrospection and planning we each give thoughtful consideration to the following: individual and family prayer, attendance at sacrament meetings, visiting the widows and the sick, a strict observance of the Fast Day, payment of tithes, the Word of Wisdom, and many of the other beautiful gospel truths?

Sincerely your brethren,

EUGENE HILTON,
W. GLENN HARMON,
CLYDE J. SUMMERHAYS.

RELIEF SOCIETY NOTES

November 4, Relief Societies of the Stake joined in giving a reception and dance in honor of the retiring presidency, Sara H. Carruth, Ivie Breck and Sarah E. Banning. Preceding the reception the Stake board entertained at a dinner at the Berkeley Woman's City Club. Mesdames Carruth, Breck and Banning with their escorts were guests.

Board meeting was held at President Anna Ellsworth's home this month. She served delightful dessert before calling the meeting to order.

The rummage sale is over. Thanks to all those who contributed to make it a success. We hope to continue gathering such commodities, perhaps not for another rummage sale, but to remodel and put to practical use in caring for those in need.

A conference for all visiting teachers will be held in the Berkeley chapel Wednesday, December 7, at 1:30 p. m. Mrs. Lindblad, supervisor of teaching work, promises a splendid and profitable afternoon composed of instructions, discussions and friendliness.

Notice! The time is near when annual reports should be completed. To get all required data correct and sent to the Stake secretary *on time* is important.

The Stake board wishes to send greetings to all Relief Society people for a happy Christmas season.

TESTIMONY OF A CONVERT

By J. G. O'SULLIVAN

(Editor's Note—The following article, reprinted from the June 30, 1938 issue of the Millennial Star, comes from far off Australia. In this age of doubt and skepticism, and to this community which is the seat of one of the world's greatest universities, the testimony of this convert is of special interest. The very human, commonsense approach of the author, mixed with his wide knowledge of the world's religions, should be an inspiration to all who read.)

I was brought up in a Roman Catholic family and my early education was undertaken in a Benedictine Monastery in the west of England. Here my interest in theology became aroused and I perused every book upon this subject that I could obtain from the Abbey Library. Leaving here at the age of fourteen, I finished my education at the Imperial Service College at Windsor—a school that has produced such famous men as Rudyard Kipling and Lord Gowrie of Canberra, Governor General of Australia. Here for the first time I came up against religious beliefs other than Catholic. The effect of this was to make me examine the doctrines of other Christian Churches, with increasing confusion to my mind.

Upon leaving school, I became embroiled in the world of politics and thus came in touch with communism. It had the effect of completely upsetting my belief in Christ and Christianity. I was unable to reconcile the idea of a loving God and the misery of life, a merciful God and the sufferings of innocent children. I was unable to believe in a religion that allowed its ministers to lead a life totally opposite to the life of Christ. Loyalty to a religion that is effete and supine in matters of war and peace was intolerable. Therefore, in trying to re-centre my religious and spiritual life I decided to study the great religious systems of the world.

With this aim in view I entered the university to study comparative religions. As my belief in Christ and His mission was nil, I undertook the study of Eastern religions. Upon obtaining my degree nearly two years ago I found I could talk about Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, Confucianism, Shinto, Taoism and the rest of the small Eastern religions. Yet I was as far as ever from achieving my goal of spiritual rest and peace.

Two years ago I was living in Australia, enlisted in the army. In November, 1936, I left the Australian army and went for a holiday to the Blue Mountains in New South Wales. Here, in a mood of relaxation and recuperation, I began to read Zane Grey's *Heritage of the Desert*. Somehow I felt even then that Mormonism was a vital force in the realm of world religions. After reading this book twice I decided to study something of Mormon theology.

At a public library in New South Wales I spent the next two months reading all books both for and against the Church. I then contacted the Australian Mission, where I met Elder R. Y. Swapp. He furnished me with copies of *The Articles of Faith*, and the Book of Mormon, and skilfully answered every question I could think to ask him.

Several things particularly attracted me to the religion. Here was a Church with no professional ministry claiming dictatorial powers from God. A spirit of brotherly love prevailed in action as well as words. Members were willing to sacrifice in the service of the Church and strove diligently to live as closely as possible to the teachings of Christ.

After reading *The Articles of Faith*, the Book of Mormon and the Holy Bible I wanted to investigate further. At this time I started to work as a seaman—an occupation that is not conducive to a religious life or influences. During a period of six months I did not see

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WARD TEACHER'S MESSAGE

December, 1938

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

". . . By love serve one another. For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Galatians 5:13, 14.

The very name of the greatest of all holidays—Christmas—and the glorious event it is intended to commemorate—the birth of the Savior—should give to every Latter-day Saint a feeling of reverence, of thanksgiving and praise to our Father in Heaven, as preparations for this almost universal festival are carried on.

Latter-day Saints have been blessed beyond any other people on the earth today. To us have been given the glorious truths of the Gospel and by obedience to the commandments of the Lord, we have been given the richest of all blessings.

Now, as Christmas approaches, not only our hearts, but our purses, too, should be opened to the Lord. None of His children should be permitted to suffer. None should go unnoticed during the holiday festivities. We should not only do our full share in the church plan to provide for all, but we should give to ourselves the supreme joy that comes directly from bringing happiness to others.

Then, too, our hearts should be filled with forgiveness. There is no place in the Christmas plan for hard feelings toward others. We should seek forgiveness and grant forgiveness. We should make our own peace and goodwill. Then we can consistently join with others in singing "Peace on Earth, Good-will Toward Men."

Every Latter-day Saint should seek the true spirit of Christmas by giving and forgiving, by bringing joy and happiness, even if only in a humble way, to others, and strive to have the spirit of Christ accompany us in all that we do at this Christmas-tide. This scripture is suggested for contemplation:

"Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked and clothed thee?

Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?

And the King shall answer and say unto them. Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Matthew 26:34-40.

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any member of the Church or communicate with them in any way.

I have always maintained that every religion must contain some portion of the truth in order to exist and that the true Church of God would contain the whole truth. The question was to decide which was the true Church. I prayed earnestly to God, our Father, to give me the grace and wisdom to find His Church. I felt a growing desire to become a Mormon, but I would not do so until I had convinced myself that it measured up to my standard of containing all truth. So I set myself out to critically examine its precepts. I found that all its doctrines embrace the main tenets of nearly all Eastern religions. Besides this its theology puts an entirely different aspect and much greater significance upon Christ and His mission. It answers the most perplexing questions of life. It gave me a deep and abiding faith in the Saviour of mankind.

I convinced myself that it contains all truth and is in fact God's own Church. Last August while ashore in England I sought out the British Mission and met Elder DeLos A. Rowe. After attending meetings in London I made application and was baptized on August 22, 1937. The next day I sailed for Australia.

Since becoming a member of Christ's own Church I have known spiritual peace and happiness such as I never experienced before. I have a strong and burning desire to make known my great discovery to the world that others may be brought to the fullness of the Gospel and peace with our Heavenly Father, in whom we live and have our being.

MISSIONARY RETURNS

ELDER GAIL CRAGUN

Elder Gail Cragun arrived in New York on November 15, and will reach his home about the time THE MESSENGER comes off the press. Elder Cragun returns from a two-year mission to South America. He is being met in Salt Lake City by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cal Cragun.

DIMOND WARD SPONSORS MUSIC TREAT

On December 9, 8:30 p. m., at the Dimond chapel, music lovers will be treated to an evening of diversified music under the direction of Aaltje Johann and Gladys Olson, assisted by two professional instrumentalists. An admission fee of 25 cents will be charged at the door, the proceeds being used for ward maintenance.

ALAMEDA WARD CHANGES

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Peter Borup, retiring first counselor, joined the Church in Eureka, Utah, in 1904, and four years later—after having filled a two-year mission to Norway—became bishop of the Eureka ward, in which capacity he served for fourteen years. Moving to Salt Lake City in 1921, he continued to serve his Church in various capacities. He was married to Laura Mathuson of Payson, and has five children. For the past five years he has served in the branch presidency and bishopric of Alameda ward.

Thys Winkle, the new first counselor, is a native of Holland, born in 1904 to Mr. and Mrs. H. Winkle who were converts and who migrated to the United States shortly after his birth. At the age of 17 Thys was called as a missionary to his native land, where he remained almost three years. For eight years, after his return, he was the youngest member of the High Priests' Quorum of South Sanpete Stake, serving meanwhile as a member of the bishopric of Center ward, Manti. In 1927 he was married to Reba Peterson; they have two sons. Favorably impressed with this area, he moved to California and now operates a theatre in Oakland. He has been superintendent of Alameda Sunday School.

George H. Pinckney is a native of Ottawa County, Michigan, born in 1902. From 1907 to 1915 he lived in Canada where his parents were engaged in the lumbering business. He was educated in the state of Washington, coming to California in 1919. In 1924 he was married to Violet McClintock of Sunnyvale; they have two boys. In February, 1925, he and his wife were baptized into the Church. In September, 1928, they found opportunity to go to the Temple for their endowments. Elder Pinckney has been a member of the Sunday School superintendency and first counselor to the chairman of the ward Genealogical Society. His vocation is service representative for Air Reduction Company.

The new bishopric take over the ward in excellent condition, with a building site for a new chapel upon which the excavation is already completed. A healthy building fund is on hand, plans are all ready, and all that active construction is waiting upon is the approval of the presiding bishopric. Bishop Ashton inspected the site with the Stake presidency on the occasion of his recent visit, and approval is expected momentarily.

D. U. P. MEET

Berkeley Camp, No. 1, Daughters of Utah Pioneers met November 21 at the home of Mrs. Margaret Gardner. Daughter Mina Wignall, member of the central committee, from Salt Lake City, was present and spoke briefly. The next meeting is to be held December 12 at the home of Daughter Rachael Ball, 1612 Spruce Street.

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ing of those who have been existing on the so-called margin.

In his discussion of these objectives he made it clear that planning and work are necessary to the success of the plan and that all relief work should be done, as much as possible, by those needing help. He stressed the need of establishing production areas, providing trucks for the exchange of commodities and employment agencies set up to facilitate making the proper contacts.

The Church already has central storehouses established in the various regions, and trucks are even now shuttling back and forth from Canada to Arizona, from Colorado to California, exchanging the surplus from one region for that of another, and storing at strategic points such supplies as are not immediately needed. A preliminary survey was made of the probable wants in each district some time ago, and with it a survey of what each region could probably supply. Each region is supposed, so far as is possible, to pay in cash the actual cost of the supplies it requisitions. This cost consists only of the cost of processing plus transportation. Thus, in the case of California fruits, the cost of the cans plus sugar and transportation; in the case of Idaho potatoes, the cost of sacks plus transportation. These supplies are made available to the bishops of wards for use in relieving actual want, and for the purpose of augmenting the earnings of individuals in marginal cases by making their dollars go farther. Thus, in cases where a family's earnings are not sufficient to maintain a proper standard of living, if that family is worthy the bishop will arrange to permit it to purchase, at cost, any supplies it needs, thus stretching its dollars. The money paid will be used to replenish the supplies.

Our aim, he said, is not to help the needy, but to help them from getting on relief; in short, to help them help themselves. He stressed the responsibility of ward welfare groups and priesthood quorums in faithfully making regular visits, keeping records and determining the true situations in the homes.

This should be followed by every quorum acting as an employment agency for its members, keeping a watchful eye open for all opportunities for advancement and employment. The importance of this and its possibilities cannot be over-stressed.

Elder Lee stated that in his opinion the things which Oakland and San Francisco Stakes can best do to help in the general program is to make a drive for used clothing, and to see what can be done toward canning and preserving fish and fish products, for which there is great need. Oakland Stake is already undertaking an investigation of the possibilities of the latter, in the hope of being able to use its new plant for that purpose.

In his closing remarks, Elder Lee declared this an opportunity program and gave many examples where helping individuals to help themselves resulted in their independence in a short time. The program was shown to be broad enough to include all ages of dependents and is limited not to wards or Stakes, but is church-wide in its application.

The next speaker was Marvin O. Ashton, of the Presiding Bishopric. Bro. Ashton, in his own inimitable style, drove home and clinched many of the truths and principles already advocated and warned us of the danger in pasing instructions along to the other fellow, failing to make the application to ourselves. He stressed the need of the old-fashioned sympathy.

In the afternoon session Bishop Joseph H. Worthlin was the first speaker, giving timely instructions on variou topics. He first called attention to the sacredness of tithing, said the Church recommended system. He was explicit about taking care of the Lord's part and directed the bishops to follow the instructions for its disbursement. In gathering voluntary donations he urged the use of the deacons.

He expressed concern over the Aaronic Priesthood. "It is highly essential," said he, "that leaders having testimonies be chosen to lead our boys and young men. There is no boy problem when leaders are properly prepared."

He advised care in the purchase of real estate. Said that real estate should not be purchased without an abstract of title O.K.'d by the P. B. O.

Bishop Ashton followed and won anew the cooperation and love of the assembly by his apt humor. "I have learned to do what I am told," said he, "because I have found it doesn't pay to do anything else." "The only difference between a rut and a grave is that one is a little deeper than the other. We all have thoughts but most of them die in solitary confinement. No man can do anything without prayer."

Bishop Richards made a fervent appeal for more adequate leadership. Briefly he reviewed many of the vital agencies that contribute to that glorious end of establishing the kingdom of God on earth. We need the very best leadership possible to realize our objectives. We need everybody to help. It is a poor bishop who does all the work himself; a good bishop gets everybody who will to work. His business mainly is to supervise.

He gave words of commendation to our women for their part in the problem of changing from the plan of simply giving, to one of rehabilitation. He made clear the wisdom of running the affairs of Stakes and wards on the budget plan, objecting to using our boys and girls for money-making schemes.

In the evening, Bishop Ashton and Elder Lee came to Oakland with the Stake presidency and visited the site for the new Alameda chapel, and the new shop at the Stake welfare center. Elder Lee was the speaker at the evening service in Berkeley ward, and Bishop Ashton addressed the Elmhurst ward service.

MESSAGE OF "CAVALCADE FOR YOUTH"

There came a time in Book of Mormon history when 2,060 upstanding, courageous young Ammonites, who had been reared by their mothers in faith and righteousness, were called to war to save their people from the onslaughts of the enemy. They were successful. They won the battle and, according to promise, not one was killed. Now, at a time when the Church is making its greatest growth, enemies of a different kind are attacking our people—indifference, immorality, violation of the Word of Wisdom and neglect of the teachings of the Church.

In the Church today there are not only 2,060 fine, clean young men who have been reared in faith and righteousness, but many thousands. Shall these "Sons of Helaman" march again—this time for righteousness, for clean living, for morality, for service to God and to His children? Shall these thousands of vigorous, faithful young men be enlisted with their leaders in this Church-wide movement to bring into activity and into harmony with Church standards every boy and young man who bears the name Latter-day Saint?

In the Church today, charged with responsibility for the welfare of boys and young men, are three great organizations—the Aaronic Priesthood, the fundamental youth organization of the Church, and its two auxiliaries or "helps in government," the Sunday School, assigned to teach the doctrines of the Church to all members of the Church, and the Y. M. M. I. A., assigned to the recreational and leisure-time leadership of the Church. Each of these organizations has contributed tremendously in its own field to the growth and progress of the Church through the training and development of boys and young men.

It is now proposed that through the operations of the *Aaronic Priesthood Extenion Plan*, the forces of these three outstandingly successful groups shall be mustered into one effective, progressive unit to work together for the youth of Zion. The *Aaronic Priesthood Extension Plan*, successor to the Aaronic Priesthood Correlation plan, with a program embodying the same objectives, has been adopted as the permanent Church-wide method of expanding our youth programs, extending their scope and influence and reaching out to every boy and young man in the Church.

The plan will be introduced, explained and launched at the mass meeting in the Oakland Chapel, Sunday, December 18, at 2 p. m. Ward bishops, M. I. A. and Sunday School workers and Aaronic Priesthood supervisors will there meet with Stake workers to plan the work for 1939.

NEW YEAR'S EVE BALL PLANNED

A gala occasion is being planned under the auspices of the M. I. A. for December 31, New Year's Eve, at the Berkeley recreation hall.

Gaiety and good fellowship, intermixed with serpentine, favors, super-entertainment, and all that goes to make good, clean, wholesome fun, will be the order of the evening which will bid farewell to 1938 and hail the bright new year. Dancing will be to the music of Jack Cockrill's orchestra. Admission will be 50c per person.

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WARD NEWS

VALLEJO WARD

Services Held at Women's Club Building, Sacramento and York Streets

Members of the Vallejo Ward are pleased to welcome as new workers, Mr. and Mrs. B. Wells Shurtleff, who recently moved here after making their home in Ogden, Utah, for the past two years. Mrs. Shurtleff was the former Helen Cheshire.

Sina Muhlenbrook has returned from Salt Lake City, where she has been visiting relatives and old friends. While there she enjoyed the general conference services.

Sunday, November 20, our ward enjoyed a very successful ward conference under the direction of President Clyde J. Summerhays.

J. Myron Telford, active in adult mutual work, has been called to Marysville, Calif., to take charge of P. G. & E. work in that city for a few weeks.

A. Dairl Hill and family have returned to Vallejo to make their home. Mr. Hill is active in mutual work, being its newly appointed superintendent.

After a few weeks spent in Ogden, Utah, Katheryn Christensen has returned home. She is first counselor to the Y. W. M. I. A. president.

Elaborate preparations were made for the primary conference which was held in our ward Sunday evening, November 27.

B. Wells Shurtleff is the newly appointed clerk of Vallejo Ward. This position was formerly held by King E. Beagley, who is now on a mission in Great Britain.

On November 6th, the ward enjoyed a visit from Patriarch I. B. Ball, who was the speaker at the mutual services.

MARTINEZ WARD

Services Held at 1022 Thompson Street, Martinez

The Relief Souiety gave a turkey dinner Saturday evening, November 19th, for the benefit of the building fund, in the Veterans' Hall. Approximately one hundred and fifty people were served.

Mrs. Arthur Granshaw left November 24th for Salt Lake, where she was called by the illness of her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Evenson have returned from a vacation trip to Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. Werner Vom Dorp and family, who formerly resided in Rodeo, have recently moved to Martinez, and are now living in the Mountain View district.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Guymon and family spent the Thanksgiving holidays in Red Bluff with the Clarence Bernards family, former ward members.

Sunday School conference was held November 13th. Several members of the Stake Board were present for the morning and evening sessions.

Primary conference was held November 20th, and was very well attended. Four members of the Primary Stake Board were visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Orin Perry from the Big Horn Stake in Wyoming, are visiting at the home of their daughter, Mrs. W. S. Nix.

RICHMOND WARD

Services Held in Chapel, Corner 28th Street and Nevin Avenue, Richmond

Ray Orme has returned to his home in Burbank, California, after visiting for two weeks at the home of his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Tidwell.

A very inspiring ward conference was held November 20th. Patriarch I. B. Ball and Dan C. Wood of the High Council were Stake visitors.

The Richmond Ward is very proud of their M. I. A. attendance. It has increased tremendously since the beginning of the season.

Miss Pearl Harte is back with us again after being in the hospital for a few weeks.

Richmond Ward seems to be losing many of its girls through marriage. Three have married and moved out of the ward during the last few months. Miss Margery Genzler and Mr. Elton Wallin were married Saturday evening, November 12th, after which they left for their new home in Los Angeles. Mr. Wallin is employed in the offices of the Certain-teed Company in Los Angeles.

We have started a ward orchestra. Much local talent is being brought out which was not realized before.

Primary is being held Saturday mornings (10:30-12 noon), under the direction of Mrs. Blaine Gaddock, president; Mrs. Edmund Phelps, first assistant, and Mrs. Edna Redfield, second assistant.

ELMHURST WARD

Services Held at Chapel, 96th Avenue and Derby Street, Oakland

The Boy Scouts and dad's held a successful bean feed November 19th.

Ted Marchant and Inez Turkington were married Monday, November 21st, at the home of the bride. Bishop McFarlane performed the ceremony.

Mrs. A. Schipper recently spent a week in Ogden, Utah, with friends and relatives.

Don't forget our Relief Society bazaar on December 2nd, in our amusement hall. There will be fun for both young and old. The time is 1:00 p. m. to 9:00 p. m.

Mrs. S. Jorgenson, who was one of the first members of our Sunday School, has had a paralytic stroke.

Miss Eileen Clark from Provo, Utah, is a visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Pearson.

Congratulations to Eldon Marchant and Ann Applebury on their engagement.

ALAMEDA WARD

Services Held at Odd Fellows Hall, Corner Park Street and Santa Clara Avenue, Alameda

The women of the ward, under the direction of Mrs. Annie Horman, culminated their summer's sewing work with a bazaar and cake sale on November 5th. Their efforts netted $87.00 for the building fund.

The senior and adult class in mutual had a very interesting Hallowe'en party at the hall Monday evening, October 31st. Games were played and a light luncheon was served by the class committee consisting of Layman Merwine, Mrs. Blanche Crandall and Mrs. Gladys Clayson. All attending were dressed in misfitting clothes.

The comedy, "The Adventures of Grandpa," in three acts, was presented by a well picked cast at the Oakland Ward amusement hall on November 11. There were about 200 in attendance. The play netted $40.00 which will be added to the building fund.

About the most clever and interesting entertainment held during the month was the galloping breakfast. On November 17, at the home of Mrs. Amelia Everett, about 50 women from Alameda and Dimond wards were served light refreshments. They were called for without notification, and for each change or addition to their attire or general appearance, they were charged two cents. There was also a twenty-five cent charge for breakfast. Proceeds went to the building fund.

Miss Lucile Crandall and her Church History class, enjoyed a swim in the Richmond Natatorium on Friday evening, November 25.

Mrs. Rosina Yeaman is on the road to recovery from what seemed to be pneumonia.

Mrs. Myron R. Crandall and son, Robert, are staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo H. Crandall during the time her husband is at the S. P. Hospital in San Francisco, where he has undergone an operation.

The Daughters of the Pioneers met Friday, November 18, at the home of Mrs. Elnora Jensen.

We are happy to welcome the Fisher family from Woods Cross, and Mrs. Anna Petersen from Dimond.

BERKELEY WARD

All Services Held at Chapel, Corner Vine and Walnut Streets, Berkeley

Billy Parsons of Troop 8 became an Eagle Scout at the Court of Honor held on November 6. This is the highest and most coveted rank in scouting. Professor William B. Hermes presented Billy with his rank. All of the other ranks in scouting, with the exception of one, were represented at this court. Boys receiving the rank were ably assisted by Dr. Ray L. Knight, scoutmaster. Many other church and scouting officials were present.

The Relief Society held a shower on November 21, in the Berkeley Ward lounge, for all women and girls in the ward. The admission was some gift to be sold at the ward bazaar at the Relief Society booth.

The Deseret Club held a party after church on November 27, in the club room at the chapel. Professor B. F. Cummings, of the Brigham Young University, spoke to the group on intellectual aspects of Mormonism. Besides this, games and refreshments were enjoyed by the club.

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A recital by the younger pupils of W. K. Driggs was held at the Berkeley Chapel on October 30. Those taking part on the program were: Barbara Lee Smith, Marilyn Driggs, Adrienne Ritchey, Patricia Russell, Alice May Allen and Donna Phelps. A large audience of parents and friends enjoyed the unique presentation of modern compositions for children.

Dr. L. P. Monson showed many of his pictures that he took on his recent trip around the world, to the M. I. A. on November 29. While showing the pictures he also told of the interesting highlights of the trip. He will show more of them the next three weeks, during the preliminary program.

Lambda Delta Sigma held their regular monthly party at the home of Preston Ericksen. Games, dancing and refreshments were enjoyed by those who attended. Assisting Preston with arrangements included Juanita Fullmer, Anna Lea Lloyd, Russell Ball, Barbara Hall and Marion Johnson.

The Berkeley Ward Choir is holding regular rehearsals each Sunday at 5:30. The members are finding that their enjoyment of the work is greatly enhanced through the participation of the new pipe organ, resulting in good attendance and well balanced ensemble.

It is rumored that the Berkeley Ward M. I. A. will present a three-act play in the early part of next year. Royal Minson will be the director.

Jean and Foy Livingston of Arlington Ward in Los Angeles, have been visiting with the Pyle family during the Thanksgiving vacation.

OAKLAND WARD

Services Held at Chapel, Corner Moss Avenue and Webster Street, Oakland

The Sunday School has recently been reorganized with Carl Fielding as superintendent and Ted Baer as first, and Glen Frazier as second counselors.

On Sunday night, December 4, the mutual conjoint services will be held in the Oakland Ward Chapel. The Mormon Male Chorus, under the direction of Robert Sant, will furnish a musical program, the reader will be Mrs. Sarah Summerhays. A cordial invitation is extended to all to come out and participate in the excellent program, which is being presented each Tuesday evening.

The primary held their ward conference on the 13th of November. The program, consisting of songs and stories, which portray the value of home training.

Mrs. Emery Ranker entertained the Trail Builder boys on Hallowe'en night. There were 17 boys including the leaders, Marshall Stoddard, Edward Ogden, Colin Gaine and Rulon Ogden. Mrs. Ranker also entertained all officers of the primary at a luncheon at her home on the 2nd of November.

Mr. Harry Fletcher and Marshall Stoddard gave the deacons a party Wednesday evening, November 24. The occasion being the planning and arrangement of a Thanksgiving basket, which was turned over to the Relief Society. Afterward refreshments were served to 10 boys.

We are glad to have Mr. John C. Searle and wife back with us again, but sorry to hear of Mrs. Searle's illness. We all join in wishing her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Henry Lofgran, who has been confined to her home because of illness the last few months, is to have an operation this week. We wish her success and a speedy recovery.

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS:
- To Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Knight, Richmond, a daughter.
- To Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Foulk, Martinez, a son, November 16.
- To Mr. and Mrs. La Grand Cook, Martinez, a daughter, November 16.

BLESSINGS:
- Caroline Marhie Christensen, Dimond.
- Mary Dianne Stout, Dimond.
- Helen Louise Arnold, Dimond.
- Walter J. England, Dimond.
- Rose Mary Brown, Oakland.
- Edwin Ronald Housknecht, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Housknecht, Richmond.

BAPTISMS AND CONFIRMATIONS:
- Joyce Hughes, Alameda.
- Lois Naylor, Oakland.
- Ruth Irene Peters, Dimond.
- Margaret Merriman Peters, Dimond.
- Richard Law Phelps, Dimond.

ORDINATIONS:
- LeRoy Patten Wright, Deacon, Dimond.
- Leon Henry Knapp, Teacher, Dimond.
- Leslie Athol Wanless, Teacher, Dimond.

MARRIAGES:
- Margery Gengler and Elton Wallin, Richmond, November 12, in Richmond.
- Inez Turkington and Edwin Marchant, Elmhurst, November 21, in Oakland.

DEATHS:
- Joseph Brown, Oakland, November 13.

DIMOND WARD

Services Held in Chapel at 3618 Dimond Avenue, Oakland

The monthly meeting of the primary officers and teachers, will be held at the home of La Von McKean December 7.

The Sunday School and primary officers are jointly planning to sponsor the children's annual Christmas party.

Last month the new individual card system for collecting fast offerings was put in effect; the deacons call on members before meeting, the first Sunday of the month.

Junius and Helen Payne, with their baby daughter, spent two weeks traveling in Texas, Mexico and Arizona. They spent Thanksgiving at Mr. Payne's home in Arizona, where a family reunion was held.

Friends are mourning the passing of L. William Stein, December 19. Mr. Stein had applied for baptism but had been too ill for several months to have his wishes carried out.

The Relief Society has organized a new department for young mothers in connection with the Social Service lessons; the first meeting, in the form of a social, will be held November 30, at the home of the Relief Society president, Ruth Shurtliff. About forty attended.

Sometime when we miss sacrament meeting we miss something particularly beautiful and inspiring, such was the contribution of Viola Lauper, Young Women's president, given at our conference November 20.

Like all other organizations, the M. I. A. had a busy time preparing for the bazaar, planning the special program and one-act play for November 29. They are also sponsoring the ward Christmas party December 16.

The M. I. A. dance given for the benefit of the basket ball team, would have been a financial failure had it not been for the clever additions contributed by Bob Loane. The small crowd attending reported a marvelous time.

Thirty women from Dimond attended the luncheon November 24, given at the Everett home in Alameda for the benefit of the building fund.

The Church History Class, December 27, met at the Cherrington home and specially honored Mrs. Nassima Mattler, who is moving from the ward.

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